

### Participant-to-Vendor Ratio

For the participant-to-vendor ratio, the number of authorized vendors was calculated as follows:

Total number of vendors reported in the TIP database = 49,682

Total number of vendors excluding pharmacies, direct distribution and home delivery vendors (2,950) = 46,732

Total number of vendors excluding removed and disqualified (3,329) = 43,403

Participant data for the participant-to-vendor ratio was taken from the SNPIIS report dated September 2001, for Fiscal Year 2000. Total average monthly participation was 7,311,206 for the nation. Participation figures from states with home delivery and direct distribution vendors (Vermont and Mississippi) were not included.

Participant-to-vendor ratio = 7,085,997 divided by 43,403 = 163.2